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General Plan

Work Session 3 Minutes – Approved

Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)

Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us>

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

9:30 am

Chair Rigby opened the meeting at 9:35 am.

Councilmembers present: Chair Christiana Rigby; Vice-chair Deb Jung; Opal Jones (virtual), Liz Walsh, and David Yungmann.

Staff Present:

Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant; Charity Respass, Administrative Assistant; Roz Hightower, Administrative Support; Theo Wimberly, Legislative Analyst; Owen Kahn, Legislative Analyst; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor; Owen Clarke, Deputy County Auditor; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; and Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor.

HCBD Core Team: Listed below.

Agenda

1. Supporting Infrastructure (Chapter 9)

The HCBD Core Team gave a presentation on Chapter 9, supporting infrastructure.

The HCBD Core Team responded to questions from Councilmembers about long term maintenance needs of older communities; the vulnerable population index and how the HCBD Core Team would implement the index with capital projects; outreach efforts to diverse and vulnerable populations; plans to address equity during comprehensive rezoning; the definition of equity in capital planning; how new development “pays for itself;” plans for a detention center, hospital, and mental health facility; how the General Plan leads to further County actions, such as the adequate public facilities study; the potential effect of 31,000 new residential units, specifically how it will affect the workload and needs of police and fire; the definition of small scale environment; plans for rural crossroads; septic and sewer delivery and the planned service area; capacity for septic, water treatment, and sewerage systems; and potential changes to regulations and best practices for septic systems.

2. Public Schools Facilities (Chapter 8)

The HCBD Core Team gave a presentation on Chapter 8, Public School Facilities.

The HCBD Core Team responded to questions from Councilmembers about the total numbers for expected development in each region; plans for activity centers, green neighborhoods, and other types of development centers; what other jurisdictions do to either slow down or encourage future growth; potential ways to balance APFO and expected new housing units; the matrix to decide the waiver payment for APFO; public input on APFO amendments and the roll of advisory groups in recommended changes; the reasoning behind placement of certain zones for designated growth and how it relates to plans of the school system for future facilities; how guiding growth to activity centers reducing pressure on existing facilities; ways to retool APFO to create incentives without causing over crowding or underuse; public input on proposed apartment complexes; comparisons of different housing types; plans for the APFO committee; at what point new development triggers planning in the school district to accommodate the new units; how new affordable apartment units in certain areas may attract more kids than other apartments and how that could affect the school system; whether or not the school system has provided input in the General Plan process; the effect of housing supply and demand on County affordability; how to use APFO amendments to encourage studio and one bedroom units (such as condos) to encourage growth without putting too much pressure on the school system; developer desire to build different types of housing; and zoning regulations and other regulations that may affect proposed activity centers.

Follow up items:

- *Councilmember Jung requested a copy of the document defining the vulnerable population index.*

Chair Rigby closed the meeting at 1:34 pm.

HCBD Core Team

Brian Shepter
Jessica Bellah
Mary Kendall
Kristin O'Connor
Kate Bolinger
Sarah Latimer
Matt Noonkester

Budget – Holly Sun
HCPSS – Tim Rogers, Dan Lubeley
DPW/Utilities – Bilal Sarayra, Art Shapiro
OOT – Bruce Gartner, David Cookson
DPZ/Engineering – Chad Edmondson
DPW/Transportation (capital projects/APFO) – Amah Binde, Jen Woo
DPZ/Research – Jeff Bronow
DPZ/Environment – Susan Overstreet
Recreation and Parks
Police
Fire